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Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH:
CENTRAL DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the Medical Institute on Friday, December 16th, 1904, at 4 p.m., Dr. EDGINTON in the chair. Apologies for absence were received from Drs. Carter, Oakes, Saundby, Vinrace, and Vokes. There were present fourteen members: Drs. L. K Thomas, Bracey Dale, Aldren, J. Neal, Milligan, Gamgee, Leedham Green, Heaton, W. R. Jordan, P. Whitcombe, Thomas Wilson, Hallwright, Lee Strathy, and Kirby (Honorary Secretary).

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

Letter from Mr. Barling.—A letter was read from Mr. Barling thanking the Division for their vote of congratulation on his election to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Notices of Meetings.—The Chairman called the attention of the Division to the column in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL for the notice of meetings, and notified that it might be necessary in future to summon meetings solely through the JOURNAL.

Contract Medical Practice.—The Interim Report on Contract Practice was then considered with the view of instructing the Representative Meeting with the opinions of the Division:

Clause 1, "Necessity of Contract Practice," was passed as it stands.

Clause 2. It was recommended by the Executive Committee that this clause on, "Medical Control," should read as follows: "That where a club or association exists solely to provide medical aid, it is essential that the medical staff should be adequately represented on the management." This was carried *nem. con.*

Clause 3. Distribution of Work. The Executive Committee recommended this should read: "That it should be a fundamental principle that, where a public contract medical service exists, every medical practitioner in the district for which the service provides, who wishes so to act, should be a medical officer of the service, provided that he conforms to the rules of the service." Carried *nem. con.*

Clause 3a, "Choice of medical attendant," was approved as it stands.

Clause 4. "Minimum rate." It was proposed by the Executive Committee that this clause should stand, with the exception of 4s. instead of 5s.

Whereupon Mr. JAMES NEAL proposed, and Dr. L. K. THOMAS seconded, that clause 4 should be deleted, and instead thereof the following new clause adopted:

That in the present conditions it is unadvisable to fix a minimum fee for contract practice.

For this amendment there voted	4
Against	5
Number absent	278
Did not vote	5

Dr. KIRBY then proposed that instead of 4s. the minimum should be 5s. Dr. W. R. JORDAN seconded.

For the amendment	3
Against	5
Did not vote	6
Absent	278

The original resolution was then proposed as amended by the Executive Committee, and passed *nem. con.*

Clause 5. Exclusive of infants. Agreed to.

Clause 6. Provision against abuse. It was proposed by the Executive Committee and carried that this clause should read as follows:

That in all such contracts the right be reserved to each medical officer to decline to accept as a contract member any person whom he may consider to be unfit for membership in respect of financial position.

Clause 7. Special services. This clause was carried with the addition of the word "consultations" after the words "obstetric cases."

Clause 8. Additional clause proposed by Executive Committee. Entrance Examination:

That no person should be accepted as a contract patient without an entrance examination, for which a fee should be paid.

Consultation between Medical Witnesses.—The question of the desirability of consultation between medical witnesses in legal cases was then considered, and it was resolved to reaffirm the resolution passed by the general meeting on April 12th, 1904, viz.:

It is advisable that the patient shall be examined jointly by the medical witnesses engaged on each side in legal cases, and as recently as possible before cases are heard in Court.

Information to Coroners.—The CHAIRMAN called the attention of the members of the Division to the memorandum on this subject.

Reorganization of the Local Government Board.—It was proposed by the CHAIRMAN, and seconded by the HONORARY SECRETARY, that the Executive Committee should be empowered to take such steps in this matter as might appear from time to time to be necessary. Carried *nem. con.*

Medical Acts Amendment Bill.—This was then considered, the HONORARY SECRETARY reading the Epitome. This was approved of in its amended form with the exception of Part III, Section XIII, Clause 3. "Style of Doctor." Mr. GAMGEE moved, and Dr. JORDAN seconded, the removal of this clause. This was carried by 6 votes to 5, absent 278, neutral 4. This reversed the decision of special meeting of December 15th, 1903.

DUNDEE DISTRICT BRANCH.

AN ordinary meeting of the Branch was held in the Students Union, Dundee, on November 22nd, 1904, Dr. KINNEAR (Vice-President) in the chair. Eighteen members were present.

Medical Certificates of Unfitness to attend School.—Replies were submitted from seventeen Scottish School Boards to a circular issued by the Medical Secretary of the Association, inquiring whether they paid for such certificates. Three (Glasgow, Greenock, and Cambusnethan Wishaw) admitted employing medical practitioners for this purpose. Fourteen had made no provision.

After a discussion of the question, in which almost every member present took part, the following resolutions were adopted:

A.—The Branch recommends:—

1. That when a medical certificate of the unfitness of a child to attend school is required by a parent the ordinary visiting fee be charged.
2. That the medical officers of charities and other public bodies should decline absolutely to give certificates of the unfitness of a child to attend school, but explain to the parent that in the event of a prosecution they will be ready to appear in court.
3. That the nature of the illness should not be entered in any certificate of unfitness to attend school unless demanded by the parent.

B.—That the following resolution be sent to the Dundee School Board:

While the Branch recognizes fully the responsibility of the medical profession for the charitable treatment of those unable to pay for attendance, it is of opinion that the responsibility for such medical service as is required for the administrative work of the School Board rests upon the Board. The Branch has recommended the medical officers of charities and other public bodies to decline to fill up the certificates of the School Board.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH:

WEST NORFOLK DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on December 15th, 1904, at the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, Sir ALAN R. MANBY in the chair. There were ten members present.

Memorandum from Exeter Division.—A memorandum from the Exeter Division was discussed and its general principles unanimously agreed to.

Minimum Fee in Midwives' Cases.—It was resolved that the minimum fee, when a medical man is called in to assist a midwife, should be two guineas; that the fee should be sent with the requisition for his services or in its place an order from the authorities administering the Act (presumably the county council) guaranteeing payment of the amount

Subscription to the Association.—It was resolved that in the opinion of this Division it is undesirable to reduce the subscription of newly-registered practitioners.

Payment of Post-Office Surgeons.—Some discussion took place on this subject. The opinion was freely expressed that the payment in country districts is totally inadequate. It was resolved that the matter be put on the agenda for further discussion.

Cases.—Dr. LAVER showed a male child, 2 years old, with spina bifida, treated by injection with Coley's fluid.—Dr. CHADWICK showed cases of keloid tumour in vaccination scar and injury of sacro-iliac synchondrosis.—Dr. KINGDON a case of psoriasis.

Tea.—The Chairman subsequently entertained the members at tea.

SOUTH ESSEX DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the Victoria Hospital, Southend-on-Sea, Dr. A. CLOUGH WATERS in the chair.

Cases.—Cases were shown by Lieutenant-Colonel WESTCOTT, C.M.G., Dr. WATERS, and Dr. BLUCK.

Matters Referred to Divisions.—The meeting then considered the memorandum of matters referred to Divisions, and Sections I, II, and III were unanimously agreed to; also the recommendations contained in the report on prevention of the abuse of drugs.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.

A GENERAL meeting of this Branch was held at the Infirmary, Gloucester, on November 17th, 1904, Dr. STORRY of Stroud, the President, in the chair. There were fifty other members present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Introduction of New President.—Dr. STORRY introduced Mr. FIRMIN CUTHBERT of Gloucester, the President-elect, who then gave his presidential address. After expressing his sense of the honour conferred upon him by the Branch and of the benefit he had received from twenty years' attendance at the Branch meetings, Mr. Cuthbert dwelt on the importance of *x*-ray examinations in fracture cases, and of the immediate examination of tumours at the time of the operation by a competent microscopist. He spoke of the help he had derived from the use of the cystoscope and Louis's segregator; examination of urine, sputum, blood, etc., should nowadays be obligatory before a diagnosis is arrived at. To his mind, the operative treatment of surgical tuberculosis was not satisfactory, and in his experience hip-joints afforded the best results. He advised care in all the details in the preparation for an operation both on the part of the surgeon as well as of the patient; not the least important being the position of the patient in such operations as adenoids, nephrectomy, cholecystotomy, cholectomy, etc. In operating on pelvic disease, the Trendelenburg position he had found of inestimable value. He had kept careful notes of all his cases to his own great advantage, and, whilst deprecating a rigid avoidance of new drugs, new anaesthetics, new inventions, processes, etc., he thought that when they were indulged in it should be only after good reason had been shown, and at least a theoretical knowledge of their use; he instanced the recent method of approaching the appendix as an excellent innovation. He hoped, finally, that his year of office would be a record as regards the attendance of members at the meetings.

Vote of Thanks.—Dr. FERGUSON proposed, Dr. ELLIS seconded, and Mr. HOWELL supported a vote of thanks to the President for his instructive and humorous address, and this was unanimously carried.—The PRESIDENT having invited discussion, Drs. BOWER, CARDEW, PRUEN, MCCARTNEY, AFFLECK, and BOND spoke; and the PRESIDENT replied.

Supper.—Forty-two members afterwards sat down to supper at the Wellington Hotel. The evening was on all sides voted a great success.

GRAHAMSTOWN AND EASTERN PROVINCE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held at Steinman's Hotel, Capetown, on November 14th, 1904, at 8 p.m., Dr. G. C. PURVIS, President, in the chair. The following were present: Drs. J. T. Bayes, J. A. Coutts, E. G. Dru Drury, A. Edington, W. L. A. Leslie, P. D. Greenlees, R. C. Mullins, and J. H. Wroughton.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the meeting of September 10th were read and confirmed.

Secretary's Report.—The Secretary's report for 1904 was read and adopted, stating that the Branch had held six regular and two special meetings, whilst the Council had met five times, and a special Subcommittee four times. The numbers had risen from 45 to 83, owing to the adjustment of Branch areas in the Cape Colony.

Treasurer's Report.—The Treasurer's report for 1904, which was read and adopted, stated that there was a balance in hand of £21 6s. 5d., being an increase of £1 17s. 3d. over that on January 1st.—It was resolved that the accounts be closed and audited on December 31st.

Election of Officers.—The following were elected officers for 1905:—*President:* Dr. J. A. Coutts. *Vice-President:* Dr. J. T. Bays. *Secretary and Treasurer:* Dr. E. G. Dru Drury. *Council:* Dr. A. Edington, Dr. J. B. Greathead, and T. D. Greenlees (all of Grahamstown), Dr. R. Chew (Port Elizabeth), Dr. H. M. Chute (King Williamstown), Dr. C. J. Hill Aitken (East London), Dr. C. E. Jones Philippson (Port Alfred), Dr. J. L. Ritchie (Queenstown), Dr. J. C. Young (Riebeck East).

Vote of Thanks.—A vote of thanks to retiring office-bearers was passed.

Communications.—Various letters were read, and a communication from Dr. Hill Aitken on ethyl chloride anaesthesia.

President's Address.—Dr. G. C. PURVIS delivered his presidential address on trypanosoma and the etiology of cancer, strongly supporting the parasitic theory of cancer.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

ALTRINCHAM DIVISION.

THE quarterly meeting (being the ninth general meeting) of this Division was held on Wednesday, December 14th, 1904, at the Angel Hotel, Northwich, at 5 p.m., Dr. JOYNSON in the chair. There were present Drs. C. J. Renshaw, Hassall, Cooper, Luckman, C. W. Jones, Browne, Gough, Smith, and Garstang (Honorary Secretary). Five other members had intended to be present, but were prevented; and twenty-three members had intimated their inability to attend.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting (September 29th) were read and confirmed.

State Registration of Nurses.—Replies were read from Sir J. Batty Tuke, Dr. Ambrose, M.P., Hon. Sydney Holland, and H. J. Tennant, M.P.

Committee.—The report of the Committee meeting of November 23rd was read and accepted.

Finances.—The Honorary Secretary was instructed to inform the Branch Council that an increased grant was necessary to cover the expenditure of the Division, and to ask the Branch Council to take into consideration the advisability of making a "sliding scale" of payments to Divisions (as suggested by the Wandsworth Division) in inverse ratio to their membership, subject to the safeguard that the Council need not make any payments unless satisfied that the work done by the respective Divisions warrants them.

Nurses.—The Honorary Secretary was instructed to write to the Medical Secretary to inquire if there was any legitimate way of reopening the subject of registration at the next Representative Meeting; and if so, to give notice that this Division would move a resolution.

Correspondence.—Read circulars from Kendal and Dover Divisions, and a large number of other letters.

Cases.—Dr. LUCKMAN then described a successful case of splenectomy, and showed the specimen.—Dr. COOPER read a paper on an operation for the radical cure of empyema of the antrum of Highmore, with notes of 5 cases. Both readers were cordially thanked for their interesting papers.

Other Matters.—Circulars received from the General Secretary and the Medical Secretary on a number of matters were referred to the Committee for consideration and report; a Special General Meeting to be called afterwards if thought necessary.

ROCHDALE DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held in Rochdale on December 15th, 1904. The President, Dr. HENRY, was in the chair, and there were present Drs. Baldwin, Bateman, Brown, Brooks, Ewart, Hitchon, Harris, Kerr, Melvin, Menzies, Pooley, Standing, Wallace, and the Honorary Secretary.

Letters of Apology.—Letters of apology were read from Dr. Thorp, Vice President, and Dr. Lord.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Correspondence.—The HONORARY SECRETARY read a letter from Manchester (West) Division, submitting the following resolutions for consideration:

1. That this Division regrets to learn that under the new constitution of the British Medical Association, the Branch Councils have no legal control over the distribution of their own surplus funds.
2. That in view of the increasing cost of the organization department of the Association, this Division urges upon the Council the strong advisability of distributing the effort to increase the membership of the Association; and in consideration of the amount of work thrown upon the Honorary Secretaries of Divisions, the necessity of appointing secretaries in several centres for groups of Divisions, whose duties shall be to help the Divisional Secretaries, and who shall be paid an honorarium of £50 a year.

Dr. BROWN proposed that this Division support these two resolutions of the Manchester (West) Division. There was no seconder, and the matter dropped. Letters were also read from the Exeter, Dover and Kendal Divisions. The HONORARY SECRETARY submitted the suggested circular letter to non-members as drafted by the Organization Committee and he was instructed to use it at once in the Division.

Contract Medical Practice.—Dr. HENRY proposed, and Dr. WALLACE seconded:

That in the opinion of this Division, contract practice is not necessary.

All present supported it.

Consultation between Medical Witnesses.—Dr. KERR proposed, and DR. BALDWIN seconded:

That we support the recommendations of the Medico-Political Committee.

This was passed by a majority.

Report re Coroners.—Dr. BROWN proposed, and Dr. HENRY seconded:

That we recommend the British Medical Association to bring these recommendations before the proper authorities, and specially Section III.

This was unanimously adopted.

Report re Local Government Board.—Dr. BROWN proposed, and Dr. HENRY seconded:

That we support the recommendations on the question, and that we shall be prepared to take local action when the proper time arrives.

This was unanimously adopted.

Drug Abuse.—Dr. POOLEY proposed, and Dr. KERR seconded:

That we approve of these sentiments.

Resignation of Honorary Secretary.—Dr. A. B. McMaster tendered his resignation as Honorary Secretary, as he was leaving the Division. Dr. W. H. Bateman was unanimously appointed to the post.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at St. Peter's Lecture Hall, Belsize Square, N.W., on Tuesday, December 13th, 1904, at 4.30 p.m. Dr. HEATH STRANGE presided and fifteen members were present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the meeting of November 4th were read and confirmed.

Contract Medical Practice.—The PRESIDENT invited discussion on the propositions respecting contract practice as printed in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of November 26th, 1904. Dr. FORD ANDERSON said that since the subject had occupied considerable attention of the Committee, he thought it might hasten matters if he were to move the adoption of the resolution, with the addition that—

The Local Divisions should manage the contract practice of their respective Districts.

He proceeded to read the resolution and to offer a few explanatory remarks. After some discussion, chiefly from Dr. MORTON, Dr. Anderson's addition was modified into—

That it is desirable, should any such services be organized, that the management of contract practice be carried out by the respective Divisions.

This was seconded by Dr. MORTON and carried. Dr. HUMPHREYS objected on account of the abuse which might and which did arise from people claiming the right to continue as members of clubs, in spite of their circumstances having altered. He considered that the medical men who attended the contract institutions should be local practitioners.

Consultations between Medical Witnesses in Legal Cases.—The report on this subject having been read by the SECRETARY, Dr. FORD ANDERSON proposed that the meeting accept the part referring to questions of fact. This was seconded by Dr. MORTON, and the resolution was carried unanimously.—Dr. HUMPHREYS proposed that the portion relative to questions of opinion be adopted. Dr. HILL seconded. After some discussion this was also carried, only one dissentient vote being recorded.—Dr. HUMPHREYS then moved that the con-

sideration of the remaining two subjects on the agenda referring to the report on information supplied to coroners, and the report on the reorganization of the Local Government Board should be adjourned till the next meeting. Dr. HILL seconded, and the resolution being put was carried.

Paper.—Dr. SOLTAU FENWICK read a very interesting paper on siphonage of the stomach, its uses and abuses. He dealt first with the technique of passing the tube, the choice of tube, and the uses of various apparatus. Next he spoke of the diagnostic and therapeutic uses of the procedure, and briefly demonstrated the simple tests for free acid, lactic acid, etc., in the gastric contents. Lastly, he spoke very definitely on the abuses of siphonage. There was a short discussion.

Vote of Thanks.—The CHAIRMAN offered in a few well-chosen words a hearty vote of thanks as expressing the feelings of all present, and the ASSISTANT SECRETARY seconded it. The meeting then broke up.

STRATFORD DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on Thursday, December 15th, 1904, at the Laboratory of the School of Tropical Medicine, Royal Albert Docks.

Demonstration.—Sir PATRICK MANSON, M.D., K.C.M.G., gave a most interesting demonstration, showing the value of the microscope in the diagnosis of tropical diseases. A very large and comprehensive selection of specimens was under the microscopes (twenty-eight in number), and the demonstration embraced such subjects as filaria, guinea worm, bilharzia, distoma, the Leishman-Donovan bodies, and trypanosomes. Sir Patrick Manson gave a most graphic description of the life-history of the various groups, and rendered his remarks absolutely fascinating by the most excellent specimens under the microscope. To the ordinary hard-worked practitioner it was a rare treat, this peep into a comparatively unknown region, and one could not but feel proud to belong to a profession that had achieved such results in the pursuit of knowledge in a peculiarly difficult phase. Considering the great interest attached to the subjects under demonstration and the amount of trouble and inconvenience Sir Patrick Manson must have put himself to, it is to be regretted that the Division did not avail itself more generally of the opportunity at its doors.

Vote of Thanks.—Dr. GROGONO, Chairman of the Division, in proposing a vote of thanks to Sir Patrick Manson, expressed the unanimous feelings of all present as to their delight at what they had seen and heard. Dr. STOCKER seconded, and Sir PATRICK MANSON replied. The thanks of the Division are likewise due to the Resident Staff who prepared the microscopes, etc., for demonstration.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH:

CANTERBURY AND FAVERSHAM DIVISIONS.

A COMBINED meeting of these Divisions was held at the Chartham Asylum, on December 1st, 1904, Dr. FITZGERALD presiding. The following members were present: Drs. Fitzgerald, Reid, Gogarty, Gange, Alexander, Gosse, Evers, Weatherhead, Everett, Bremner, S. Wacher, Hackney, Larking, Tyson, and Henchley, and one visitor.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

Next Combined Meeting.—It was decided to hold the next combined meeting at Faversham early in March.

Paper.—Dr. FITZGERALD read a paper on borderland cases, which was discussed by eleven members.

Votes of Thanks.—Votes of thanks were passed to Dr. Fitzgerald for his paper and hospitality.

Dr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald kindly provided refreshments after the meeting.

DOVER DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, on Thursday, November 24th, 1904, Dr. PARSONS, the Chairman, presiding. There were present: Drs. Robinson, Menzies, Molesworth, Wood, J. R. Long, Murphy, Todd, and Osborn.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved, and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Division of the Branch.—Dr. Larking's proposal was considered, and after some discussion Dr. ROBINSON moved:

> That in the opinion of this Division it is not advisable to divide the Branch.

—Mr. WOOD seconded this proposal, which was carried unanimously.

State Registration of Nurses.—After some discussion of this question in its several points, Mr. WOOD moved:

> That this Division does not consider the State registration of nurses advisable.

—Dr. MURPHY seconded this proposal, which was carried unanimously.

Reduction of Subscription for Junior Members.—The resolution of the Wandsworth Division—

> That an alteration be made in Article VII, in order to admit newly-registered general practitioners at an annual subscription of ten shillings for three years—

was fully discussed, when Dr. LONG moved:

> That no alteration be made in Article VII.

—Dr. ROBINSON seconded the motion, which was then carried.

Payment under the Midwives Act.—In a discussion on the resolution passed by the Medical Guild at Manchester, and on the general question of the payment of medical men called in to aid midwives under the new Act of 1902, Mr. WOOD moved:

> That in the opinion of this meeting, that as the State insists on the midwife calling in the aid of a registered general practitioner in cases of difficulty, the fee—twenty-one shillings being the minimal—should be paid by the body administering the Midwives Act.

—Dr. PARSONS seconded this motion, which was passed by the Division unanimously.

THE seventh meeting of this Division was held at the Granville Hotel, Ramsgate, on Thursday, December 1st, 1904, Mr. C. H. TAMPLIN in the chair. There were present nineteen members of the Division and three visitors.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

Letter from Medical Secretary.—The HONORARY SECRETARY read a letter from the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association dealing with the question of medical politics and the general attitude of the profession as regards the signing of school certificates.

Future Meetings.—Mr. TAMPLIN proposed, and Dr. HALSTEAD seconded, that Dr. Cotton be asked to take the chair at the clinical meeting at Ramsgate in February, and Dr. Bertram Thornton to take the chair at the meeting at Margate in March.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

REMARKS ON VACCINATION.[1]

By T. GARRETT HORDER, L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S.Eng.,
Public Vaccinator, Cardiff.

IT appears to me that this is an opportune moment to discuss the vaccination question. We shall probably have a Bill introduced next session by the Government dealing with the Vaccination Acts, and we shall undoubtedly have a Bill introduced under the auspices of the Imperial Vaccination League dealing with revaccination. It is, therefore, highly important that the voice of the medical profession should be heard on both these important subjects.

I do not propose to-day to enter on the subject in a detailed manner, but to lay before you certain suggestions which, if carried into operation, would undoubtedly tend to increase very largely the number of vaccinated children, and would therefore lessen the risks of small-pox in the youthful population.

The first point to determine is whether the administration of the Vaccination Acts should remain in the hands of the Boards of Guardians. There appears to me several good reasons why it should not. The prevention of epidemic diseases should surely rest with a sanitary authority. That authority has to deal with the question of providing hospitals for the isolation and treatment of epidemic disorders, and consequently should have charge of all measures which are likely to prevent the occurrence of such diseases. It is obvious that sanitary authorities would be more likely to take a keener interest in the administration of an Act which, if zealously carried out, would go a long way towards the prevention of small-pox in our juvenile population. More-

[1] Read at the meeting of the Branch held at Carmarthen, December 7th, 1904.

over, much valuable time would be saved when an epidemic of small-pox did occur, if one authority was responsible not only for the treatment of the cases, but was also responsible for the vaccination of all those persons who had come into contact with the patients suffering from the disease. I have assumed that the sanitary authorities are the best authorities to administer the Vaccination Acts. I am aware that a good number of people are of opinion that the Local Government Board would be a more fitting body to carry out these Acts. That there is a good deal to be said in favour of that opinion I am willing to allow; but, after weighing all the arguments used *pro* and *con*, I have come to the conclusion that I am right in my contention. And the fact that our county and borough councils have now become responsible for the education of the children of this country has strengthened me in this opinion. It seems to me that the new education authority has a magnificent opportunity of securing the vaccination of the many thousands of children who now escape the vigilance of the vaccination officers. It surely would not be a difficult matter for the education authorities to obtain power to insist that every child (excepting those whose parents have been foolish enough to obtain exemption orders) shall before its name is entered on the register of an elementary school, satisfy the authority that it has been efficiently vaccinated. Some of you may be surprised to hear what a large percentage of children are returned by the vaccination officers as unaccounted for. Looking at the last report of the Local Government Board, I find that the returns of the vaccination officers for the year 1901 show the following results: Of 929,882 births registered during the year 1901, 664,366 (being 71.4 per cent. of the whole) had been registered as successfully vaccinated, and the number registered as having died unvaccinated was 102,007 (or 11.0 per cent. of the whole). Of the remaining 163,509 children, 2,631 (or 0.3 per cent. of the whole) had been registered as insusceptible of vaccination, 27 as having contracted small pox, 12,317 (or 1.3 per cent.) as having their vaccination postponed by medical certificate, and 39,925 (or 4.3 per cent.) in respect of whom certificates of conscientious objection were received, leaving 108,609 (or 11.7 per cent.) as "removed," "not to be traced," or otherwise unaccounted for. If from the 929,882 births deduction be first made of the deaths that took place before vaccination, it appears that, of the surviving 827,875 children, there were registered 80.2 per cent. as successfully vaccinated; 0.3 per cent. as either insusceptible of vaccination or as having had small-pox; 1.5 per cent. as under medical certificate of postponement; and 4.8 per cent. in respect of whom certificates of conscientious objection had been obtained; leaving 13.1 per cent. as at that time still unaccounted for as regards vaccination.

How do these figures compare with previous years?

Table of Registered Births for the Thirty Years 1872-1901, showing the Proportion not Finally Accounted For in Regard to Vaccination (including Cases Postponed).

Year.	Metropolis.	Rest of England.	Year.	Metropolis.	Rest of England.
1872	8.8	4.5	1887	9.0	6.7
1873	8.7	4.2	1888	10.3	8.2
1874	8.8	4.1	1889	11.6	9.6
1875	9.3	3.8	1890	13.9	10.0
1876	6.5	5.0	1891	16.4	12.9
1877	7.1	4.1	1892	18.4	14.3
1878	7.1	4.3	1893	18.2	15.7
1879	7.8	4.5	1894	20.6	19.0
1880	7.0	4.5	1895	24.9	19.8
1881	5.7	4.3	1896	26.4	22.3
1882	6.6	4.5	1897	29.1	21.6
1883	6.5	4.9	1898	33.0	19.6
1884	6.8	5.3	1899	27.7	15.4
1885	7.0	5.5	1900	25.8	13.9
1886	7.8	6.1	1901	24.1	11.2

In 1901 the proportion of cases unaccounted for (excluding the postponed cases) in the Metropolis and in the rest of England was 22.8 and 9.8 per cent. respectively.

These figures are worth consideration. You will notice that from 1872 to 1886 the percentage of cases unaccounted for is small and varies very little either with regard to the Metropolis or to the rest of England. From 1887 to 1898 the percentage shows a very decided yearly increase in both cases. The years from 1899 to 1901 show a decrease, but not a very marked one—especially when it is remembered that the last Vaccination Act was passed in 1898 and came into force the following year.

Let us now take some of the returns for particular registration districts for the year 1901.

List of Unions and Registration Districts in which the Proportion of Children Unaccounted For with Respect to Vaccination is Abnormally High.

Mile End Old Town	66.1	St. Pancras	32.8
Leicester	62.6	Derby	31.8
Bedford	53.1	Wilts	32.0
Bethnal Green	52.2	St. George's-in-the-East	30.6
Northampton	50.9	St. Giles	30.7
Poplar	49.1	Gloucester	29.0
Shoreditch	44.7	Holborn	27.6
Stepney	44.3	Southwark	26.8
Hackney	38.5	Essex	23.2
Radnor	36.5	Nottingham	22.5

With regard to Wales as a whole, the returns are, with the exception of Radnorshire, very satisfactory, the percentage of children unvaccinated varying from 1.5 (the lowest) in Anglesey to 7.6 in Brecknock. Radnorshire stands out with the enormous percentage of 36.5. Taking the big towns in Glamorgan, I find that Cardiff has a percentage of 12.5, Swansea 3.7, Pontypridd 8.2, and Merthyr Tydfil of 5.0 unvaccinated children for the year 1901.

The figures I have given surely go to prove that if we are anxious to have a better protected community some further steps are urgently needed to have our first and most important line of defence against small-pox more efficiently guarded. I believe myself that many parents who object very strongly to the vaccination of their children during infancy would not raise the slightest objection to the operation when their children reach school age. However zealous and earnest the vaccination officers may be in the performance of their duties, it is manifestly impossible for them to discover, unless a periodical house-to-house visitation is made, the thousands of children whose parents remove from one town to another, or from one part of a town to another part of the same town. The education authorities have to make a periodical census of their districts, and are therefore perfectly able to discover the number of children who are not attending school. This matter is of such vital importance to the community at large that I would suggest that the Branch should formally bring it to the notice both of the Local Government Board and the Board of Education.

Association Notices.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL FOR 1905.

MEETINGS of the Council will be held on Wednesdays, January 18th, April 19th, July 5th, and October 18th.

The January meeting of the Council, by kind permission of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, will be held in their Board Room at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, January 18th. The offices of the Metropolitan Asylums Board are situated on the Victoria Embankment, at the corner of Carmelite Street and near to Blackfriars Bridge.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

ANY candidate for election should forward his application upon a form, which will be furnished on application to the General Secretary of the Association, 429, Strand.

GUY ELLISTON, *General Secretary.*

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—The usual clinical meeting of the Edinburgh Branch will be held in the Royal Infirmary on Friday, February 17th. Members desirous of showing patients or specimens will please communicate with one of the Secretaries. The annual dinner will be held in the evening, in the Royal British Hotel.—NORMAN WALKER, 7, Manor Place, Edinburgh; A. LOGAN TURNER, 27, Walker Street, Edinburgh, Honorary Secretaries.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WANDSWORTH DIVISION.—An ordinary meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12th, at 3.45 p.m., at Crichton's (opposite Clapham Junction Station). Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Correspondence. (3) Questions. (4) Resolution for Representative Meeting referring to British Medical Association representation on any permanent Board newly created. (5) Consideration of memorandum from

Medico-Political Committee concerning payment of medical men called in by midwives. All general practitioners are invited to attend.—E. ROWLAND FOTHERGILL, Honorary Secretary, Torquay House, Southfields, S.W.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WESTMINSTER DIVISION.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's Hospital, on January 20th, at 8.30 p.m.—W. KNOWSLEY SIBLEY, 70, Duke Street, Grosvenor Square, Honorary Secretary.

PERTHSHIRE BRANCH.—At a meeting of Council held on Friday, December 16th last it was decided, in view of the unsuitability of the present time for calling a meeting of the Branch, to ascertain the views of the members by writing on the matters which the Annual Representative Meeting decided should be referred to Divisions. Members are requested to send early replies to the Medico-Political Committee. The questions are as follows:—1. The interim report on contract practice: (1) Necessity of contract practice; (2) medical control; (3) distribution of work; (3A) Friendly Societies—choice of medical attendant; (4) minimum rate; (5) exclusive of infants; (6) provision against abuse; (7) special services. 2. The desirability of consultation between medical witnesses in legal cases likely to be brought before the court. Details of the questions will be found in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, November 26th, 1904. The clinical meeting will be held in the Perth Infirmary on Friday, February 10th, at 3.45 p.m. Any members wishing to show cases might kindly communicate with the Secretaries by January 31st.—WILLIAM A. TAYLOR and ALEXANDER TROTTER, Joint Honorary Secretaries, 10, Marshall Place, Perth.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at the Athenaeum, Plymouth, on Tuesday, January 10th, at 3 p.m., the President (Dr. J. Alexander) in the chair. The following communications are already promised:—Mr. G. C. Wilkin: The National Importance of the Thorough and Systematic Removal of Adenoids in Childhood.—Dr. W. Gordon: Some Facts and Fallacies about the Climate of South-East Devon.—Mr. C. Hamilton Whiteford: Intravenous Injection of Saline Solution in Cases of Haemorrhage, Shock, and Sepsis.—Mr. W. Woollcombe: Post-peritoneal Rupture of Abdominal Aneurysms.—On the conclusion of the business of this meeting a special general meeting will be held (by order of the Council) to consider and adopt the Code of Rules (copies of which have been sent to members) to regulate procedure in ethical matters.—G. YOUNG EALES, 1, Matlock Terrace, Torquay, Honorary Secretary.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

SURGEON A. PRICHARD has been placed on the retired list, December 19th, 1904. He was appointed Surgeon May 15th, 1899.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty:—EDWIN R. GRAZEBROOK, Surgeon, to the *Cambridge*, additional for the *Theseus*, January 10th; FRANCIS J. MCKENNA, Surgeon, to the *Hussar*, on commissioning, January 3rd; RICHARD A. FITCH, Fleet Surgeon, and JAMES A. THOMPSON, M.B., B.A., Surgeon, to the *Drake*, on recommissioning, undated; WILLIAM G. HINGSTON, Surgeon, to the *Fire Queen*, additional, for the *King Edward VII*, January 3rd.

Fleet Surgeon J. S. LAMBERT is placed on the retired list, with the rank of Deputy Inspector-General, December 22nd, 1904. His commissions were as follows: Surgeon, June 4th, 1878; Staff Surgeon, June 4th, 1890, and Fleet Surgeon, July 25th, 1894.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

IN the *London Gazette* of January 3rd, 1905, under the heading "Royal Army Medical Corps," Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary Surgeon-General) A. KEOGH, M.D., C.B., is promoted to be Colonel, vice W. Donovan, C.B., promoted, dated December 2nd, 1904. Under "Army Medical Staff" it is further announced that Colonel (temporary Surgeon General) A. KEOGH, C.B., M.D., is promoted to be Surgeon-General, to complete the establishment, dated December 3rd, 1904. And under "Army Medical Service" we read: "Surgeon-General A. KEOGH, M.D., C.B., is appointed Director-General, vice Sir W. Taylor, M.D., K.C.B., K.H.P., retired, dated January 1st, 1905." It is not necessary here to recapitulate the particulars of the career of Surgeon-General Keogh, as these were fully given in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of December 31st, 1904.

ARMY MEDICAL STAFF.

COLONEL W. DONOVAN, C.B., from the Royal Army Medical Corps, is promoted to Surgeon-General, vice Sir W. Taylor, M.D., K.C.B., K.H.P., December 2rd, 1904. He entered the service as Assistant-Surgeon, March 30th, 1872; was made Surgeon, March 1st, 1873; Surgeon-Major, March 30th, 1884; granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, March 30th, 1892; made Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, June 24th, 1896; and promoted to be Colonel, October 4th, 1901. His war record includes the Afghan war, 1878-80 (medal); the Boer war in 1881, as a volunteer; with the Chitral Relief Force in 1895 (mentioned in dispatches, medal with clasp); and the South African war in 1899-1902, as Principal Medical Officer of a Cavalry Division, including operations in the Transvaal and Cape Colony (mentioned in dispatches, King's medal with two clasps, and made C.B.).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. I. ROUTH is promoted to be Colonel, vice A. Keogh, M.D., C.B., promoted, December 3rd, 1904. Colonel Routh entered the service as Surgeon, February 3rd, 1878; was made Surgeon-Major, February 3rd, 1890; and Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, February 3rd, 1898. He was present in the campaign in North-West Frontier of India in 1897-8 with the Tirah Expeditionary Force, receiving a medal with two clasps.

Colonel A. H. ANTHONISZ, M.B., is placed on retired pay, December 22nd, 1904. He was appointed Assistant-Surgeon, April 1st, 1871; Surgeon, March 1st, 1873; Surgeon-Major, April 1st, 1883; was granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, April 1st, 1891; made Brigadier-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, May 15th, 1895; and promoted to be Colonel, November 15th, 1899. He was in the Egyptian war in 1882 (medal and Khedive's bronze star); in the Soudan campaign in 1885 (clasp); and in the South African war in 1899-1900.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (VOLUNTEERS).

CAPTAIN A. GRANVILLE, the London Companies, is seconded whilst holding a civil appointment under the Egyptian Government, November 28th, 1904.

Surgeon-Captain E. A. SNAPE, M.D., from the 2nd Middlesex Royal Garrison Artillery (Volunteers), to be Captain in the London Companies, January 4th.

Mr. GORDON W. FITZGERALD to be Lieutenant in the Manchester Companies, January 4th.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

MAJOR ROBERT BIRD, M.D., Bengal Establishment, Surgeon to the Viceroy of India, has been nominated a Companion of the Order of the Indian Empire.

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY (VOLUNTEERS).

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT D. S. DAVIES, M.D., 1st Gloucestershire, resigns his commission, retaining his rank and uniform, January 4th.

Surgeon-Major H. HABGOOD, M.D., 2nd Sussex, to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, January 4th.

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 7,617 births and 6,567 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, December 31st, 1904. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 18.5, 19.2, and 19.4 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further rose last week to 22.4 per 1,000. The rates in the several towns ranged from 9.6 in York, 11.7 in King's Norton, 11.8 in Willesden, 12.0 in East Ham, 12.2 in Walthamstow, 12.8 in Leicester, and 13.1 in Handsworth (Staffs) to 28.6 in Huddersfield, 29.5 in Preston, 30.0 in Sunderland, 32.4 in Middlesbrough, 33.0 in Stockton-on-Tees, 33.3 in Oldham, 35.2 in Manchester, and 36.7 in Hanley. In London the rate of mortality was 21.0 per 1,000, while it averaged 23.1 per 1,000 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases in the seventy-six towns averaged 1.6 per 1,000; in London this death-rate was equal to 1.4 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five large provincial towns the rates ranged upwards to 3.0 in Great Yarmouth, in Bristol, in Burton-on-Trent, in Oldham, and in Stockton-on-Tees, 3.2 in Liverpool, 3.3 in Hanley, 3.9 in South Shields, 4.3 in Blackburn, 4.4 in Nottingham, and 4.7 in Grimsby and in St. Helens. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.3 in Gateshead, 1.4 in Devonport, in Leicester, and in Merthyr Tydfil, 1.7 in Bristol, in Nottingham, and in Liverpool, 2.0 in Tynemouth, 2.9 in St. Helens, 3.0 in Stockton-on-Tees, and 3.9 in Grimsby; scarlet fever of 1.1 in Northampton, 1.4 in Coventry, and 1.6 in Blackburn; diphtheria of 2.2 in East Ham; and whooping-cough of 1.1 in Bristol and in Middlesbrough, 1.2 in St. Helens, 1.3 in Derby, 1.5 in Oldham, 1.9 in South Shields, 2.0 in Great Yarmouth, and 2.4 in Hanley. The mortality from "fever" and from diarrhoea showed no marked excess in any of the large towns. One fatal case of small-pox was registered in Bolton, 1 in Preston and in Bradford, but none in any other of the large towns. The Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals contained 17 small-pox patients on Saturday, December 31st, 1904, against 4, 6, and 14 on the three preceding Saturdays; 5 new cases were admitted during the week, against 1, 2, and 9 in the three preceding weeks. The number of scarlet fever cases in these hospitals and in the London Fever Hospital, which had been 2,490, 2,403, and 2,393 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had further declined to 2,386 at the end of last week: 201 new cases were admitted during the week, against 263, 242, and 242 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTCH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, December 31st, 1904, 868 births and 715 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scotch towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 19.7, 22.6, and 21.2 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose again to 21.6 per 1,000 last week, but was 0.8 per 1,000 below the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. The rates in the eight Scotch towns ranged from 15.3 in Dundee and 16.2 in Leith to 25.4 in Aberdeen and 27.7 in Perth. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 2.4 per 1,000, the highest rates being recorded in Aberdeen and Perth. The 370 deaths registered in Glasgow included 4 which were referred to measles, 2 to scarlet fever, 29 to whooping-cough, and 6 to diarrhoea. Four fatal cases of whooping-cough and 2 of diarrhoea were recorded in Edinburgh; 15 of measles and 3 of diarrhoea in Aberdeen; 2 of whooping-cough in Leith; and 3 of whooping-cough in Perth.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, December 24th, 455 births and 388 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns against 495 births and 428 deaths in the preceding period. The mean annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 21.2, 21.4, and 27.1 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 20.3 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 0.9 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate in the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 17.5 in Waterford and 18.9 in Londonderry to 20.6 in Belfast and 25.3 in Dublin. The zymotic death-rate during the same period and in the same six Irish towns averaged 1.6 per 1,000, or 0.2 per 1,000 higher than during the preceding period, the highest figure, 2.8, being recorded in Belfast, while Waterford registered no deaths under this heading at all. The deaths from measles showed a slight further increase, 27 being recorded in all. From diphtheria 2 deaths occurred in Belfast, 1 each in Cork and Londonderry, and 2 others in outlying districts. From small-pox, scarlet fever, and typhus no deaths were recorded in any part of Ireland.

Vacancies and Appointments.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

VACANCIES.

BIRMINGHAM: QUEEN'S HOSPITAL.—Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—House-Surgeon. Honorarium at the rate of 40 guineas per annum.

COVENTRY AND WARWICK HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon, resident. Salary, £60 per annum.

DERBYSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) House-Physician. (3) Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary for (1) and (2) £100 per annum, and for (3) £60 per annum.

DORCHESTER: DORSET COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon, resident. Salary, £100 per annum.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY ASYLUM, Hellingly.—Senior Assistant Medical Officer, resident. Salary, £300 per annum.

GROCERS' COMPANY.—Two Scholarships in Sanitary Science. £300 a year each.

KING EDWARD VII SANATORIUM.—Medical Superintendent, resident. Salary, £500 per annum, rising to £600.

MANCHESTER: JEWISH HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary commencing £80 per annum.

MILE-END INFIRMARY, Bancroft Road, E.—Male Assistant Medical Officer, resident. Salary, £150 per annum.

NEW ZEALAND: UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO.—Professor of Physiology. Salary, £600 per annum and half of the class fees.

NORWICH: NORFOLK AND NORWICH HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon, resident. Honorarium, £20 for six months.

ROYAL DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON.—Demonstrator in Mechanical Pupils' Department. Stipend £120 per annum, rising to £150.

SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Clinical Assistants.

SOUTHAMPTON: ROYAL SOUTH HANTS AND SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL: (1) House-Surgeon. (2) Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 and £60 per annum respectively.

VENTNOR: ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum.

WAKEFIELD: CLAYTON HOSPITAL AND WAKEFIELD GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon, resident. Salary, £80 per annum.

APPOINTMENTS.

BEST, W. J., M.R.C.S.Eng., D.P.H., District Medical Officer of the Louth Union.

BROOKS, R. Philip, F.R.C.S.Edin., Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

COOPER, R. Higham, L.S.A., Honorary Radiographer to the Tottenham Hospital.

GARLICK, J. P., M.B., Ch.B.Vict., Junior Assistant House-Surgeon to the Stockport Infirmary.

HODGSON, G. G., M.D.Durh., M.R.C.S.Eng., District Medical Officer of the Chertsey Union.

HOPE, J. L. A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., District Medical Officer of the Chertsey Union.

HUNTER, Jessie S. B., M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Assistant Medical Officer to the Bracebridge Lunatic Asylum, Lincoln.

JONES, E. T., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Helston District, Cornwall, and District and Workhouse Medical Officer of the Helston Union.

LOW, J. Spence, M.B., C.M.Edin., Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Dewsbury.

PARK, A. Glen, M.D.Glasg., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the South Bolton District, Lancashire.

SHEPPARD, J. F., L.R.C.P. and S.Irel., District and Workhouse Medical Officer of the Newport Pagnell Union.

WATSON, J., M.D.Durh., F.R.C.S.Edin., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Newbury District, Berkshire.

WOOLFENDEN, H. F., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Resident Medical Officer, West Derby Union Infirmary.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

DARBYSHIRE.—On November 15th, 1904, the wife of Douglas E. Darbyshire, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., of a daughter.

NAESMYTH.—On New Year's Day, at "Claughbane," Ashstead, Surrey, to Flora and Donald Naesmyth, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (son of Sir Michael Naesmyth, of Posso, Bart.), a son.

VOLLER.—On the 27th December, at 2, Alexandra Avenue, Battersea Park, S.W., the wife of Frank Voller, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

CARLING—COLEBROOK.—On December 29th, at St. John Baptist Church, Kidmore End, Oxon., by the Rev. J. E. Smith-Masters, assisted by the Rev. Canon W. W. Fowler, Henry Frank Carling, second son of William Rock Carling, of Guildford, to Esther Lillie Colebrook, M.D., younger daughter of the late George William Colebrook, of Reading.

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Papers: (1) Functional Insanity and its Relation to Allied Neurosis. Dr. Robert Jones: (2) Encephalitis, by Dr. F. E. Batten.

TUESDAY.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Epidiascope Demonstration. Dr. David Lawson: Some changes which take place in the Lungs and Pleura, chiefly in Pulmonary Tuberculosis, as shown by Skiagraphy.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF INEBRIETY, 11, Chandos Street, W., 4 p.m.—Discussion on Alcohol in its Relation to Deterioration. To be opened by W. McAdam Eccles, M.S., F.R.C.S.

WEDNESDAY.

DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 5.15 p.m.—Demonstration of Cases of Interest.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY, London Institution, 9 p.m.—The Second Hunterian Lecture by Mr. Rickman Godlee. Subject: Shifting Dullness, and its Bearing on Surgical Conditions.

THURSDAY.

BRITISH GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square W., 8 p.m.—Specimens by Drs. George Elder and Inglis Parsons. The President will deliver his Valedictory Address.

FRIDAY.

CLINICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Dr T. J. Walker (introduced by Professor Howard Marsh), Acute Ascending Paralyses in Cases of Chronic Cystitis. Mr. R. Clement Lucas: A Case of Accidental Electrocution, causing extensive Gangrene of all the Extremities. Dr. W. Ewart: A Case of "Soft Valve" Mitral Stenosis, in which no murmur was heard.

LARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover Square, W., 4.15 p.m.—Annual General Meeting. 5 p.m., Ordinary Meeting. Cases will be shown by Dr. StClair Thomson, Mr. P. de Santi, Dr. H. Tilley, Sir Felix Semon, Dr. Fitzgerald Powell, and others.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.—Thursday, 4 p.m.—Medical Cases.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following Clinical Demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, College opens; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Ear. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follows: Tuesday, Leucorrhoea; Wednesday, The Elements of Prognosis in Pulmonary Tuberculosis; Thursday, Orthopaedic Surgery.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p.m., Cases in the Wards; Friday, 3.30 p.m., Hemiplegia.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Tottenham Hospital, N., 4.30 p.m.—Tuesday, Opening Lecture by Mr. John Langton, F.R.C.S.: Points which should be considered in determining the Prospects of the Operation for the Radical Cure of Hernia. Thursday, Beri-beri.

SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Marylebone Road, Thursday, 3 p.m.—Lecture: The Treatment of Patients before and after Abdominal Section.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Mitteilungen aus der Augenklinik des Carolinischen Medico-chirurgischen Instituts zu Stockholm. Herausgegeben von Dr. J. Widmark. Sechstes und siebentes Heft. Jena: Gustav Fischer. 1904. M. 3 and M. 4 each.

A Manual of Toxicology. By Albert H. Brundage, A.M., M.D., Phar.D. Fourth Edition. New York: The Henry Harrison Company; and London: Baillière, Tindall, and Cox. 1904. 8s. 6d.

Grundsätze für den Bau von Krankenhaüsern. Von Generalarzt Dr. Thel. Berlin: August Hirschwald. 1905. M.6.

The Crusade Against Phthisis. By A. B. de Guerville. London: Hugh Rees. 1904. 6d.

The Schoolmasters' Yearbook and Directory, 1905. Third annual issue. London: Swan Sonnenschein and Co., Limited. 5s.

The Life and Times of St. Boniface. By James Williamson, M.D. Ventnor: W. J. Knight; and London: Henry Frowde. 1904. 5s.

Mr. Watch, Pawnbroker. By George H. R. Dabbs, M.D. London: Argus Library of Fiction. No. 2. London: Partridge and Cooper. 1s.

Stereoskopischer gerichtsärztlicher Atlas. Von Professor Dr. Adolf Lesser. Vierte Abtheilung. Tafel 151-200. Breslau: S. Schottlaender. 1905.

Transactions of the Association of American Physicians. Nineteenth Session, held at Washington, D.C., May 10th and 11th, 1904. Vol. xix. Philadelphia: Printed for the Association. 1904.

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CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Month.	Day of Week.	Meetings to be Held.
January	9...MONDAY ...	
,,	10...TUESDAY ...	South-Western Branch, Athenaeum, Plymouth, 3 p.m.
,,	11..WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Co-ordination Scientific Work of the Association Committee, 2 p m.
,,	12..THURSDAY...	LONDON: Medical Defence Committee. Wandsworth Division, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*. Crichton's (opposite Clapham Junction Station), 3 45 p.m.
,,	13...FRIDAY ...	
,,	14...SATURDAY...	
,,	15...Sunday..	
,,	16...MONDAY ...	
,,	17...TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Premises and Library Committee.
,,	18...WEDNESDAY	,, Journal and Finance Committee. ,, Central Council.
,,	19...THURSDAY...	LONDON: Meeting of Secretaries and Treasurer of the Metropolitan Counties Branch and its Divisions, 5 p.m.
,,	20...FRIDAY ...	Westminster Division, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, St. George's Hospital, 8.30 p.m.
,,	21...SATURDAY...	
,,	22. Sunday..	
,,	23..MONDAY ...	
,,	24...TUESDAY ...	
,,	25...WEDNESDAY	
,,	26...THURSDAY...	LONDON: Hospitals Committee.
,,	27...FRIDAY ...	
,,	28...SATURDAY...	
,,	29...Sunday.	
,,	30..MONDAY ...	
,,	31...TUESDAY ...	Latest day for sending Divisional Annual Report and Financial Statement to Branch Secretary (By-law 9).
February	1..WEDNESDAY	
,,	2 THURSDAY...	
,,	3...FRIDAY ...	
,,	4...SATURDAY...	
,,	5...Sunday..	
,,	6..MONDAY ...	
,,	7..TUESDAY ...	
,,	8..WEDNESDAY	
,,	9 THURSDAY...	
,,	0...FRIDAY ...	Perthshire Branch, Clinical Meeting, Perth Infirmary, 3.45 p.m.
,,	11..SATURDAY...	
,,	12..Sunday.	
,,	13 MONDAY ...	
,,	14..TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Organization Committee.
,,	15...WEDNESDAY	
,,	16...THURSDAY..	
,,	17...FRIDAY ...	Edinburgh Branch, Royal Infirmary.
,,	18..SATURDAY...	
February	19...Sunday..	
,,	20...MONDAY ...	
,,	21..TUESDAY ...	
,,	22...WEDNESDAY	
,,	23..THURSDAY...	
,,	24...FRIDAY ...	
,,	25..SATURDAY...	
,,	26..Sunday.	
,,	27...MONDAY ...	
,,	28...TUESDAY ...	
March	1...WEDNESDAY	
,,	2...THURSDAY...	
,,	3...FRIDAY ...	
,,	4..SATURDAY...	
,,	5. Sunday..	
,,	6...MONDAY ...	
,,	7...TUESDAY ...	
,,	8...WEDNESDAY	
,,	9...THURSDAY...	
,,	10...FRIDAY ...	
,,	11..SATURDAY...	
,,	12..Sunday..	
,,	13...MONDAY ...	
,,	14..TUESDAY ...	
,,	15..WEDNESDAY	Latest date for furnishing Annual Report and Financial Statement of all Branches to General Secretary (By-law 9).
,,	16...THURSDAY...	
,,	17..FRIDAY ...	LONDON: Ethical Committee.
,,	18...SATURDAY...	
,,	19. Sunday.	
,,	20..MONDAY ...	
,,	21. TUESDAY ...	
,,	22..WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Medico-Political Committee.
,,	23..THURSDAY...	
,,	24..FRIDAY ...	
,,	25..SATURDAY...	
,,	26. Sunday..	
,,	27..MONDAY ...	
,,	28..TUESDAY ...	
,,	29. WEDNESDAY	
,,	30..THURSDAY..	
,,	31..FRIDAY ...	

ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventy-third annual meeting of the Association will be held at Leicester on July 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th. The Honorary Local Secretary is Dr. Astley V. Clarke, 37, London Road, Leicester; the Honorary Secretary of the Pathological Museum is Dr. Robert Sevestre, 119, London Road, Leicester.

The Annual General Meeting for business will begin at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 24th, and the first session of the Annual Representative Meeting will be held immediately afterwards. The first meetings of the Sections will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26th.

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